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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT RESIGNS, JUNTA TAKING OVER, CEASE FIRE
REPORTEDLY NEAR

REF: A) LUSAKA 1500; B) LUANDA 0595

1. LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED THIS EVENING GOVERNOR GENERAL
AND HIS CABINET HAVE SUBMITTED RESIGNATION. PRESS QUOTES
ALMEIDA SANTOS IN LISBON AS SAYING THAT MOZAMBIQUE JUNTA
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WILL BE NAMED AND POSITION OF GOVERNOR GENERAL HAS BECOME

OBSOLETE UNDER NEW CONSTITUTIONAL LAW WHICH
RECOGNIZES RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR
OVERSEAS TERRITORIES.

2. INFORMED SOURCES STATE MILITARY DELEGATION ARRIVED
TODAY FROM LISBON, PRESUMABLY IN CONNECTION WITH NEW JUNTA.
BRAZILIAN CONSUL GENERAL BERENGUER HAS REPORT IT ALSO
CONNECTED WITH CEASE FIRE. HE SURMISES PORTUGUESE MILITARY
LEADERS HAVE TAKEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRELIMO OUT OF SOARES'
HANDS.

3. BERENGUER SAID INFORMATION HE HAD FROM SEVERAL LOCAL
SOURCES INDICATED AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND
FRELIMO ON CEASEFIRE WAS IMMINENT. HE SAID LUSAKA TALKS
HAD BEEN CALLED OFF AS UNNECESSARY. HIS LOCAL SOURCES IN-
DICATE AGREEMENT ON FOLLOWING BASIS: A) IMMEDIATE RIGHT TO
INDEPENDENCE (AS OPPOSED TO RIGHT TO IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE);
B) PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED, WITH FRELIMO HOLDING
"SOCIAL MINISTRIES", INCLUDING LABOR, HEALTH, EDUCATION
AND SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS (INFORMATION); C) NATIONAL ELECTIONS
WITHIN TWO YEARS; D) PORTUGUESE FORCES TO STAY ON 3 TO 5
YEARS. FRELIMO FORCES WOULD CEASE FIRE BUT NOT LAY DOWN
ARMS, RATHER COOPERATING WITH PORTUGUESE FORCES, INCLUDING
BLACK TROOPS.

4. COMMENT: SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN NO DISORDERS TO BLAME
ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS IN LUANDA, AND IN VIEW ALMEIDA
SANTOS' REPORTED STATEMENT ON SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDE-
PENDENCE, WE SEE RESIGNATION OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT AS
DEFINITELY CONNECTED WITH CEASE FIRE NEGOTIATIONS AND
PAVING WAY FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROVISIONAL GOVERN-
MENT, INCLUDING FRELIMO.
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